CLAIMS

1. A package of a plurality of like articles, having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, the package comprising:

a first sleeve, having a length, a top end and a bottom end;

a second sleeve, insertingly received within the first sleeve and having a length greater than the length of the first sleeve, a top end and a bottom end, so that the first sleeve overlaps at least a portion of the second sleeve in a region of overlap;

a first closure line extending along at least a portion of the region of overlap, the first closure line joining longitudinally extending inner surfaces of the first sleeve to adjacent longitudinally extending outer surfaces of the second sleeve, and opposing longitudinally extending inner surfaces of the second sleeve to each other,

a second closure line extending transversely across at least a portion of the region of overlap, the second closure line joining transversely extending inner surfaces of the first sleeve to adjacent transversely extending outer surfaces of the second sleeve, and opposing transversely extending inner surfaces of the second sleeve to each other;

the first and second closure lines defining first and second chambers in the second sleeve, the first chamber being larger than the second chamber, and third and fourth chambers between the first and second sleeves, on opposite sides of the first chamber in the second sleeve;

a plurality of articles disposed in the first chamber;

a single article, disposed in the second chamber;

a third closure line, extending transversely across the second sleeve in a region beyond the region of overlap, joining transversely opposing inner surfaces of the second sleeve, with the plurality of articles and the single article being disposed between the second and third closure lines, to maintain the plurality of articles and the single article captured within the first and second chambers, respectively.

2. The package according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second sleeves is one of: transparent, translucent.

3. The package according to claim 1, further comprising:

at least one sheet disposed in at least one of the third and fourth chambers disposed between the first and second sleeves, on opposite sides of the first chamber in the second sleeve.

4. The package according to claim 3, wherein the at least one sheet has indicia disposed thereon.

5. The package according to claim 1, further comprising:

a reinforcement sheet juxtaposed against a surface of the second sleeve, proximate the top thereof; and

an aperture formed through the second sleeve and the reinforcement sheet, for enabling the package to be suspended by a member passing through the aperture.

6. The package according to claim 1, wherein the top end of the second sleeve is longitudinally spaced apart from the top end of the first sleeve.

7. The package according to claim 1, wherein the bottom end of the second sleeve is disposed proximate the bottom end of the first sleeve.

8. The package according to claim 1, wherein the second sleeve has a width which is less than the width of the first sleeve.

9. The package according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of articles disposed in the first chamber are all like articles, and the single article disposed in the second chamber is the same as one of the plurality of like articles.

10. The package according to claim 1, wherein the first and second sleeves comprise substantially flattened tubes.

11. A method for forming a package, the package having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a first sleeve, having a length, a top end and a bottom end;

forming a second sleeve, having a length greater than the length of the first sleeve, a top end and a bottom end;

inserting the second sleeve into the first sleeve, so that the first sleeve overlaps at least a portion of the second sleeve in a region of overlap;

forming a first closure line, extending along at least a portion of the region of overlap, to join longitudinally extending inner surfaces of the first sleeve to adjacent longitudinally extending outer surfaces of the second sleeve, and opposing longitudinally extending inner surfaces of the second sleeve to each other,

forming a second closure line, extending transversely across at least a portion of the region of overlap, to join transversely extending inner surfaces of the first sleeve to adjacent transversely extending outer surfaces of the second sleeve, and opposing transversely extending inner surfaces of the second sleeve to each other;

the first and second closure lines defining first and second chambers in the second sleeve, the first chamber being larger than the second chamber, and third and fourth chambers between the first and second sleeves, on opposite sides of the first chamber in the second sleeve;

placing a plurality of articles in the first chamber;

placing a single article in the second chamber;

forming a third closure line, extending transversely across the second sleeve in a region beyond the region of overlap, to join transversely opposing inner surfaces of the second sleeve, with the plurality of articles and the single article being disposed between the second and third closure lines, to maintain the plurality of articles and the single article captured within the first and second chambers, respectively.

12. The method according to claim 11, further wherein the steps of forming the first and second sleeves, further comprises the step of forming each of the first and second sleeves from one of transparent or translucent material.

13. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

placing at least one sheet in at least one of the third and fourth chambers disposed between the first and second sleeves, on opposite sides of the first chamber in the second sleeve.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of placing indicia on the at least one sheet.

15. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

juxtaposing a reinforcement sheet against a surface of the second sleeve, proximate the top thereof; and

forming an aperture through the second sleeve and the reinforcement sheet, for enabling the package to be suspended by a member passing through the aperture.

16. The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

positioning the top end of the second sleeve in longitudinally spaced apart relation to the top end of the first sleeve.

17. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

positioning the bottom end of the second sleeve proximate the bottom end of the first sleeve.

18. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

forming the second sleeve with a width which is less than the width of the first sleeve.

19. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

selecting the plurality of articles disposed in the first chamber to be all like articles, and

selecting the single article disposed in the second chamber to be the same as one of the plurality of like articles.

20. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

forming the first and second sleeves as substantially flattened tubes.